

- small proportion of the species, for anatomical specimens are required.) Yet the true character of the tarsal envelope is at times hard to determine, for it is subject to deformation in drying, so that what was originally one type of envelope may get to look superficially like a different type. Drawings are included of various kinds of tarsal deformations resulting from desiccation, and a method is suggested for avoiding them.—E. E.
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- WETMORE, A. 1956. Footprint of a bird from the Miocene of Louisiana. *Condor*, **58**: 389-390.
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NOTES AND NEWS

The Ecological Society of America has formed a Section of Animal Behavior and Sociobiology. Three major problems in the field of behavior studies—publications, terminology, and teaching—are being investigated. Further information on the Section may be obtained by writing the secretary, Dr. Martin W. Schein, Department of Poultry Husbandry, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.

The Frank M. Chapman Fund, established to provide financial assistance to young scientists conducting research in ornithology, makes awards annually in April. Applications should be received before March 31. All correspondence should be directed to the Chairman, Chapman Memorial Fund Committee, Department of Birds, The American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York 24, N. Y.

The first Pan-African Ornithological Congress will be held at Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia (6 miles from Victoria Falls) from July 15 to 20, 1957. Further information may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the South African Ornithological Society, P. O. Box 1616, Cape Town.